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INSIDE: POND HOCKEY RETURNS - WHAT'S ON



Kayla Broom is all smiles, as she helps steady the dogs, before they start their race at the Dogsled Derby at the Pinestone Resort this past Saturday. Photo by Hannah Sadlier

Firefighters left in limbo over ice rescues

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East firefighters stood shore-bound as citizens and EMS gathered around a snowmobiler injured on the ice of Benoir Lake Jan. 12.

The firefighting service remains shore-only and lacks ice rescue training, according to Highlands East acting fire

chief Chris Baughman. This is despite the municipality receiving approximately \$18,562 in 2017 from a GoFundMe campaign to get ice rescue training in the wake of the death of cottager Bob Bell, who died after his snowmobile went through the ice on Dark Lake.

Baughman confirmed his department was

on the scene Jan. 12 and said they would have taken the risk to intervene had EMS not arrived at the same time.

"At the time we didn't feel it necessary to put any more people on the ice. We are shore-based only but with the fire service we will risk, not necessarily safety, but will extend the amount of risk we will take if

necessary," he said.

But the GoFundMe money remains set aside and unspent, Baughman said, because the province does not have a recognized ice-training rescue course.

"As soon as we have the option to use that money for what it was donated, then we would like to do so," Baughman said. "I

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Dysart et al news

Online booking for facilities

Dysart et al staff are planning to launch online booking for community parks and facilities rentals by Feb. 15.

Municipal staff gave council a demonstration of new Perfect Mind Software during a meeting Jan. 22. The software is designed to allow people to book community spaces online.

Recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said the program would start with local community centres and parks but expects it could expand.

"Once it gets moving, it should be fairly straightforward. We don't have as much as the City of Brampton or something. It's a good way to start but we can definitely grow it," Mueller said.

She added although Dysart will be the first one to launch it, other municipalities in the County of Haliburton are looking to unveil a similar system.

Coun. John Smith said it's important information is available explaining the new system so that people don't dismiss it as non-functional at the beginning.

"We don't want it to be haphazard," Mueller replied. "There's a lot to look at. We'll make sure it's communicated."

Collaboration on short-term rentals

Dysart et al council discussed pushing the short-term accommodations issue towards the county to collaborate on solutions.

The issue came up after a report from the building and bylaw department, which included mention of a zoning complaint about a full-time cottage rental, with the owner using Airbnb to advertise.

The bylaw department did not proceed with action as an investigation did not identify any bylaw or zoning infractions.

Smith asked about whether council wants to take some direction on the issue.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said the economic development committee should push to have the matter explored at the county level. He added he sees issues arising if the lower tier municipalities have significantly different fees and rules on short-term rentals.

"I can just see mass confusion and anger and all the rest of it," he said. "County (council) can't speak for their individual municipalities, but perhaps there's an appetite there to take a look at it."

"There can be collaboration," Mayor Andrea Roberts responded. "If each municipality has a committee that's going to be addressing this problem, those committees should get together."

Highland East has already cancelled plans for a committee on the matter, though has said it intends to gather more information.

Warming the jack rabbits

The Glebe Park and Museum Committee is seeking funding to provide a new space to help people warm up.

The committee had a delegation appear before Dysart council Jan. 22 requesting budget consideration for the replacement of the "club house," located on Glebe Field and previously used as a warming space for the Nordic Ski Club's Jack Rabbit program for kids.

Committee chair Jim Blake said the facility, which is owned by the municipality, has fallen into disrepair. He added with increasing park usage, there is a need for another indoor space for museum activities.

"It's really not a suitable space for anybody to use right now," he said. "You can smell 30 years of mice in there."

"We don't need anything fancy, we just need an indoor space and something that can be heated," he later added. "The simplest solution is what we're looking for."

The request was forwarded to the infrastructure committee to consider.

(Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley)

Former Minden resident guilty of murder

By Joseph Quigley

Former Minden resident Garry Taylor Handlen was found guilty of first-degree murder by a jury in the Supreme Court of British Columbia Jan. 17.

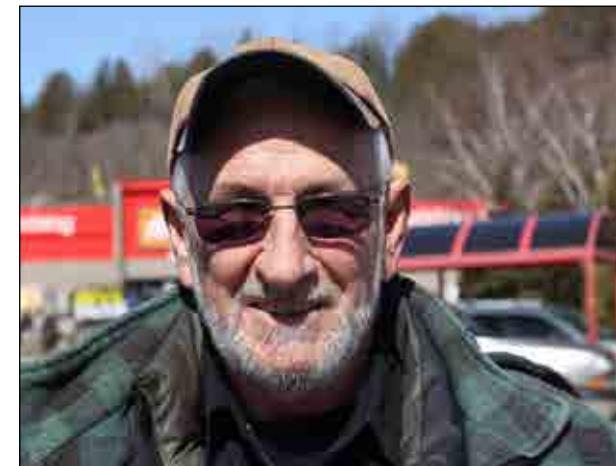
Court registry services confirmed the verdict. Handlen was on trial for the murder of 12-year-old Monica Jack in 1978.

Jack had been riding her bike on a highway near the Nicola Ranh in Merrit, B.C. when she vanished, according to a 2014 B.C. RCMP press release. Her bike was discovered a day later, but it took 17 years before her body was located in a rural area, about six kilometres from the highway she was travelling on.

The National Post reported Handlen confessed to the murder during a nine-month undercover RCMP operation in 2014 which began in Minden. The jury was asked to consider a confession RCMP got from Handlen, in which he admitted to taking Jack from a highway pullout, sexually assaulting and strangling her.

Handlen, 71, was first charged with the offence Nov. 28, 2014 and arrested in Surrey, B.C. without incident.

The first-degree murder conviction carries with it a minimum sentence of imprisonment for life in the



Garry Taylor Handlen was found guilty of first-degree murder in British Columbia Jan. 17. Handlen is due to be sentenced Jan. 28. Photo by Walt Griffin.

criminal code. He is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 28, according to *CBC News*.

Haliburton Highlands OPP has previously confirmed Handlen was at one time living in Minden.



Highlands East firefighters stand on the shoreline of Benoir Lake as citizens crowd around an injured person on the solid ice Jan. 12. The fire department remains shore-based only, although acting fire chief Chris Baughman said the department would have taken the risk to help had EMS not arrived at the same time. Submitted by a member of the general public.

Province puts ice rescue training on hold

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can't change it. I would like to see it sooner rather than later, but without an approved course from the province, I have nothing to back us up as far as training and certification and documentation to prove that we have the training."

The lack of courses is a result of a 2017 inquest into the deaths of Adam Brunt and Gary Kendall, two firefighters who died during ice-rescue training. The inquest recommended the province halt all regulated and unregulated ice/cold water training exercises in any "swift" currents. The Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management subsequently put ice/cold water rescue programs on hiatus, according to Legislative Assembly of Ontario records.

Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services spokesperson Brent Ross said a curriculum for ice rescue training is under development.

"The Ontario Fire College is developing the curriculum for a revised ice rescue training course, which is

expected to become available to fire services in 2020," he said in an email. "We encourage citizens to exercise appropriate caution when participating in winter activities."

Baughman said he was not personally on scene Jan. 12 and could not provide details on what occurred with the injured person on the ice. County of Haliburton chief/director of community services Tim Waite said regulations prevented him from discussing specifics on a call.

The Highlands East fire department is not the only one lacking ice-rescue training due to the lack of courses. Dysart et al fire chief Mike Iles said it is an issue for all municipalities.

"Until this new course comes out and training begins, all municipalities will struggle with the do's and don'ts of water rescue," he said in an email. "Ultimately it comes down to the safety of the firefighter and the job they are performing."

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Cottager Ryan Bailey presented before Highlands East council Jan. 16 in opposition of its decision to cancel a short-term accommodations committee. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Cottager criticizes Highlands East on short-term rentals

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East council re-affirmed it does not intend to proceed with a short-term accommodation bylaw in response to a delegation opposing council action on the topic.

Cottager Ryan Bailey spoke to council during its Jan. 16 meeting. Bailey is opposed to council opting against proceeding with a short-term accommodations committee Dec. 6. The committee's draft mandate was to guide council on the issue.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he had looked into many of the questions Bailey asked and found it was better to postpone the establishment of a bylaw.

"We have challenges with other bylaws at this point in time we need to address. Once those bylaws are addressed standalone and enforced effectively ... I think at that point in time we'd be in a much better position to sit down and look at a bylaw for short-term accommodations," Ryall said.

"Me as a voter in council would definitely not support the establishment of a short-term accommodation bylaw at this point," he added.

In a statement Dec. 6, council said the majority of the 18 applicants for the committee had conflict-of-interest concerns and council would not proceed.

"Council as a whole feel that we need more information before we are in a position to decide what short-term accommodation approach best suits the Municipality of Highlands East," the statement said.

However, Bailey said council should have communicated its intentions regarding the draft bylaw better.

"There's been no closure," Bailey said. "If you're done with this, why not put out a

more fulsome statement saying that?"

The draft bylaw was shelved by council at its Sept. 5 meeting, following a public meeting Aug. 29 in which the majority of speakers criticized the bylaw. Council voted to shelve it to gather more information and have staff prepare a draft terms of reference for a revised short-term accommodation task group.

In an email, chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter confirmed the bylaw was still shelved and addressed a previous June 2019 target to start licencing for short-term accommodation.

"Council is not considering passing a short-term accommodations Licensing bylaw or amending the zoning bylaw at this time, therefore the June 2019 date is invalid," Hunter said.

Bailey said council needs to take responsibility for its work on short-term accommodations since 2016.

"Council needs to take ownership of the sequence of events," he said. "It caused lots of frustration and confusion and lack of trust."

Challenge on conflict of interest

Bailey, who applied for the committee, also questioned the municipality's assertion that the majority of applicants would be disallowed under conflict of interest legislation.

He argued a bylaw would affect electors in a common way and that any such conflict is insignificant enough to be unlikely to influence a member's decisions, which are both exclusions under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Hunter responded during the meeting that a legal opinion was received by the municipal solicitor.

"Your reference to those sections of conflict of interest are incorrect," she said.

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Amalgamation: locals wonder if we're next

By Lisa Gervais

When the province announced it's putting 82 municipalities under the reform microscope, David O'Brien had a flashback and a premonition that smaller areas, such as Haliburton County, will be next.

The Dysart et al retiree was the special advisor for Hamilton when the Mike Harris government implemented its municipal amalgamations under the Common Sense Revolution.

Ford's Progressive Conservatives, whose caucus includes local MPP Laurie Scott, announced Jan. 15 it would review regional governments, including our neighbours to the west, Muskoka, but also Simcoe, York, Durham, Peel, Halton, Waterloo, Oxford and Niagara.

"Our government committed to improving the way regional government works," Municipal Affairs Minister Steve Clark said in a statement. "We will be looking at ways to make better use of taxpayers' dollars and make it easier for residents and businesses to access important municipal services."

The consultation will be done this spring. O'Brien said he anticipates the review to widen in future.

"I feel that it is now more important than ever that we begin to review our future municipal structure here in Haliburton County," he said in an e-mail.

"I always say that we are best to decide our own future before someone decides it for us. There are good ways and bad ways to deal with the structural future of Haliburton County - we ourselves can do it the right way whereas someone doing it for us is likely not to be too concerned about the intricacies of best of class service delivery."

Minden Hills Mayor and County Councillor Brent Devolin, who has been on record for more than two years about the

need for local government review, said he was not taken aback by the announcement.

"I think both the previous government, and knowing the characters in this government, that there is no appetite going forward to deal with 444 municipalities. And, there's been nothing that's happened that has changed my opinion on that," he said in a telephone interview.

He agrees with O'Brien that Haliburton County could be on the next list of municipalities to be reviewed.

"Do I think inevitably those areas that are smaller in scale, with a two-tier like we do ... I think there will be an analysis of it," Devolin said.

Not everyone thinks amalgamation is the answer

But his views are not necessarily held by other municipal leaders, such as Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

She notes the current provincial review is for capital-R Regions and Haliburton County is not a region. She added that Scott has advised her, and others, on more than one occasion, that the provincial government isn't forcing any amalgamations and that there's no plan to review any other areas of the province.

However, she agrees that an internal review is not a bad thing.

Despite Scott's assurances, she said, "I think we're all a bit skeptical these days, so even if that remains true, there's still a need for us to take a good look at how we function and how we can make it better."

She added there's evidence that amalgamation into a single tier of government doesn't result in the changes people think.

"Many amalgamations have negatively affected a number of aspects of governance including reduced representation and responsiveness, long-term increases in staffing levels and little impact on



David O'Brien speaks at the Canadian Federation of University Women meeting in November. *File*

operations."

Moffatt said she's talked to a lot of people about amalgamation and it's become "the go-to solution for what ails but when you drill down in those conversations, people want efficiency. They talk about similarities in things like bylaws and forms and fees, and they wonder why we can't have one fire service or have one entity manage the landfills. Those ideas are all worth looking into and part of that is figuring out the gains and losses attached to those decisions, and that's where the struggle will be because people will want different things."

Moffatt said they have to ask the public what they want, specifically, and then craft

a plan to get there.

"It doesn't have to be black or white, in or out, like Brexit. We should examine other governance models and look for efficiencies and collaborations that make sense for us."

Devolin added that he doesn't know the shape or form of provincial review either, so, "the question needs to be, if you are going to reconstruct or reconfigure, how do you do it?"

As local politicians head to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference this weekend in Toronto, it is just one of many answers they will be looking for from the Ford government.

Algonquin Highlands news

Guardrails, Bear Lake bridge on AH repairs list

Four of five bridges in Algonquin Highlands are in good shape, while Bear Lake Road bridge is rated only in fair shape, according to a recent inspection report.

Based on the report, AH staff will add guardrail repairs to the 2019 capital budget for the bridges on Airport Road and St. Peter's Road at estimated costs of \$5,000 and \$8,000 respectively. Additional repairs to the Airport Road bridge in 2020 are estimated at \$5,000. Repairs are also recommended for the Buckslide Dam bridge this year for slope protection and further testing of concrete loss below the water line at an estimated total cost of \$15,000.

Council has approved the setup of a reserve fund in 2020 for the Bear Lake Road bridge to cover estimated costs of \$101,500 in the first five years (including timber cribbing system replacement) and

\$21,000 in years six to 10 (timber curbs replacement).

Trespass complaints at Buttermilk Falls resort

AH will negotiate the tangle of local, provincial and federal interests at Buttermilk Falls in response to trespass complaints from the owners of Buttermilk Falls Resort.

Tourism at the falls is increasing and there is a history of trespass issues on the adjacent resort property, according to a staff report to council's Jan. 17 regular meeting. A survey was conducted to clearly identify township-owned property, which is bounded by the resort and other private property and by sites owned by the province (for example, the parking lot) and Parks Canada (the dam). Council approved the staff recommendation to develop a formal trail to the falls using directional signage from the parking lot, subject to a

written agreement with the resort owners and discussions with the two governments. Costs will be assessed for this year's draft budget, with a recommended upper limit of \$2,000.

AH addresses 25th Line Road issues

AH will provide suggestions on signage and education in response to concerns about trespassing and blocked traffic on 25th Line Road north of Highway 118.

Area property owners have deeded access to Maple Lake at 25th Line Road and Providence Drive, a private road, according to a staff report to council's Jan. 17 regular meeting. Over the years, members of the public have created a new, shorter trail across private property to reach this private access corridor for the beach in summer and ice fishing in winter.

According to area residents, trespassers parking on the road are reducing safe

access and may even block access for larger emergency vehicles. Several calls have been placed to the OPP recently for help in removing vehicles that are blocking the road.

A meeting was held with two area representatives on Jan. 16 to discuss the situation.

Part of this portion of the road is maintained by the Maple Lake Road Association (MLRA), while part is located on an unopened AH road allowance. According to staff, AH would have to upgrade the upper section of the allowance to assume and maintain it, and alter the heavily wooded lower section to create a parking lot or path, disturbing this natural funnel for water flow to the lake and raising issues of maintenance costs and liability.

Council approved a staff recommendation to instead work with the MLRA to provide advice on signage installation and public education.

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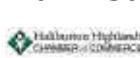
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Getting serious about government reform

It appears this pesky question about amalgamation, or reform, in Haliburton County simply won't go away.

When the Doug Ford government announced last week that it is reviewing 82 municipalities in Ontario, the debate that's not gone away for the last few years, resurfaced.

I say debate since not everyone is convinced here that amalgamation is the way to go. Those in the nay camp point to other jurisdictions that have seen costs rise, not lower. They are also worried the level of service will drop off, particularly in the smaller jurisdictions of Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands.

Others argue there must be a better way. For example, in whose universe is it a good thing that four planners are working on four bylaws around short-term accommodation in this region?

Looking at the map of the regions under the Ford microscope, we find Muskoka, Simcoe, York, Durham, Peel, Halton, Waterloo, Oxford and Niagara. With the exception of the Oxford/Muskoka counties, we're talking basically the 905 donut. Why is the province focussing on these areas? Some argue there's been a push from within the Peel Region by Mississauga to get out of the region and now's the time since

lower-tier municipalities there want change, too.

David O'Brien, who we interview on page 5, was the special advisor when Hamilton was reviewed under the Mike Harris government.

As O'Brien notes, regions were originally put in place to help the smaller municipalities share in the benefits of big capital works like sewer and water and regional roads. O'Brien says these towns are all grown up now and want to operate as stand-alone cities in their own right.

The question becomes is regional government now superfluous?

When it comes to the counties, O'Brien thinks municipalities will be amalgamated into one and county governments eliminated.

The first question. Will Ford next gun for municipalities such as ours? Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt says MPP Laurie Scott has told her and others on numerous occasions that the province isn't forcing amalgamations and there's no plan to review any other areas of the province. However, she concedes we're all a bit skeptical these days.

What everyone does agree on is that there has to be local investigations into reform. O'Brien argues now is the time for a

made-in-Haliburton solution versus something thrust upon us.

First of all, we have to find out what taxpayers want. The County needs to figure out how to do public consultation about reform. Once they know what people want, they can begin to drill down on how that might look locally. How do we achieve efficiency? We're hearing questions such as why can't all county landfills be managed by one entity. Why can't there be consistent bylaws, forms and fees?

As Moffatt says, those ideas are all worth looking into and part of that is figuring out the gains and losses attached to those decisions. That's where the struggle will be, because people will want different things.

The County would do well to have a chat with O'Brien about a way forward. Clearly, this is destined to be a long and onerous process. It is something that should be commenced in 2019. Otherwise, we'll all be a bit nervous that the next round of reviews could creep further east and north.



By Lisa Gervais

Resolutions

It is just another flip of a page and a number on the calendar, but somehow when we start a new year, there is a sense of optimism and promise in the air. This positive attitude is reflected in the resolutions we make and the vows to turn over a new leaf, begin afresh. All undertaken with the best of intentions, these promises are, more often than not, quickly left behind.

My thoughts for a better year ahead took a beating shortly after January 1, when we visited the Edward Burtynsky exhibit, called Anthropocene, at the Art Gallery of Ontario. The title is a term used to describe the imprint the human population has made on the planet. Burtynsky is a Canadian photographer who, along with videographers Jennifer Baichwal and Nicholas de Pencier, travelled the world to document the changes man has made to this green and blue ball we call home.

The display was sobering indeed. Large, wall size prints, most taken from above with a drone, showed the havoc industrial exploitation, rampant consumerism and urbanization have wrought upon our world - giant swaths of polluted landscapes, fetid

rivers pouring into the ocean, ponds of poison, like ticking time bombs waiting to leach into the soil or surrounding watersheds. In an odd way, many of the photos have, at first glance, a beauty - a beauty that is quickly dispelled. Upon reading the captions, one realizes the scenes depict evidence of the degradation of the planet.

Many of the photographs and videos were taken in Third World countries where regulations are few and bribes can circumvent what little regulations there are. That is not to say the developed world wasn't represented in the exhibition. In all cases, the destruction was driven by a world economy that values profit ahead of sustaining the nest we share.

When I compared the photos and videos to what I know is happening in the Highlands and beyond, I was somewhat buoyed by the comparisons. Efforts to protect wetlands, preserve unique and interesting pieces of the ecological wonder around us and the educational efforts of lake associations and other groups are encouraging. We seem to have awakened to the impact our mere presence here is having on our natural

surroundings and are willing to take measures to reduce it. It has been said that saving the world starts with each of us doing our part to mitigate against environmental degradation.

So, perhaps the best and most meaningful resolution we can all make heading into a new year is to change our lifestyles to generate a positive impact on the world in which we live. We can encourage others to do so as well, take up causes that hold to account those who would despoil the only home we have, before it is too late. It may seem overwhelming, but small acts add up and, if we don't do it for ourselves, we should take action for our children and the generations to come. We need to leave a better world for those who follow.

(While the Burtynsky exhibition at the AGO is now closed, the photos and videos from the show are available online at edwardburtynsky.com/projects/photographs)



By Jack Brezina



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Hockey season is by far the best part of Winter.

Letters

Calls for countywide swimming pool continue

Dear editor,

Minden is having a meeting at the end of January about the proposed sports facility. I am a supporter of including a pool, which our last mayor said would be considered in the future, whatever that means in time.

At least 30 per cent of the residents here are over 50. I don't think many of them will be running on the new track or lifting weights which can actually be harmful to them.

When I was in my 20s, living in Scarborough, I found pools in the local high schools to swim in every week night. In my 40s, I went to Bali at lunch time. Now, I am in my 70s and other than the Pinestone, no pool.

This is the best exercise a person can do, especially an older person. With proper bidding and contributions, this pool could happen in Haliburton and be supported by young and old alike. Swimming lessons, exercise, competition, rental when available. Let's get it done. Add it to any sports centre.

**Ted Cumber
Gooderham**

Iggy and our dog from Mars

One week after Christmas, my lovely wife and I had the joy of welcoming a new member to the Jones family. We'd been excited for quite a time, obviously, but while we'd promised Little Z the best Christmas present ever, he'd been somewhat unimpressed, especially since this bundle of joy did not turn up on Dec. 25. Now, however, after the arrival, our son was ecstatic; more excited than us, even.

Jeff the dog wasn't as pleased, though. In fact, I'd go as far as to say that he was and still is quite irked by our new little bundle of joy.

Jeff has always been an overly pampered pet. Since his failure as a hunting dog and adoption into our home he's adapted swiftly and brilliantly into the life of a family hound. No couch has been untested, no garbage bin uninvestigated. He shuns his

kibble if there is a hint of leftovers from the Sunday roast and howls like, well like a hound, when left at home alone. Jeff sees himself as the centre of our universe, the canine sun around which we orbit, and so, when Iggy arrived, he was quite put out, downright jealous, no less.

Yes, Iggy, great name, eh, for a lizard. Oh, you thought we'd had a baby. Ha ha! No, Iggy is a young bearded dragon. Eight inches of cricket munching dinosaur who now resides in a tank in the middle of our living room. He - we think he's a he but can't be sure just yet - doesn't do much. He lays on his branch, chomps on a cricket, stretches, then lays back down again but his beady little eyes are always alert and the potential that he might eventually move, a bit, makes him endlessly fascinating to everyone apart from Jeff the dog.

Jeff sees us gawping at Iggy and is annoyed. He whimpers and 'rawrffs' his displeasure and if we don't look around, he pushes between us and the lizard's glass tank, putting his body in front of us and blocking our gaze. Jeff paws at us and pushes his head against our legs, he's suddenly a real whiny attention seeker and if his demands are not met, he slinks off to some corner - one with a couch preferably - and finds something valuable to chew on.

There was even one instance when I returned from work to find Jeff standing, nose pressed against Iggy's tank, staring intently at the little lizard who stared beady-eyed back. There was no howl of greeting for me, no bounding excitement at my arrival, just dog and lizard locked in unblinking eye contact.

It was then I knew something drastic had

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt captured this image of the Super Blood Wolf Moon early Monday morning in -31 temperatures.

TheOutsider

**By Will Jones**

to be done and so I went online and found a psychotherapist in the US who deals in canine/reptile disputes.

Ha ha, really? Come on. I had you for a moment, though, didn't I?

I actually gave the dog a swift kick and moved the tank. Ha ha, I did it again. No dogs were kicked in the making of this column.

No, actually I do not know what to do. I have a ridiculous, jealous hound and a fascinating lizard. I have what's known as a first world problem, I think. It's a petty problem I guess but one that you'll hear more about, I'm sure.

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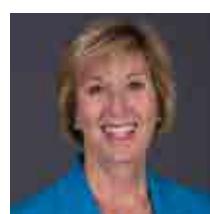


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History contest to honour Minden roots

By Joseph Quigley

The Township of Minden Hills plans to highlight its history with a contest to rename the community room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

The "Made in Minden: Room for Improvement" contest officially launched Jan. 11 and invites people to share stories about places and people they feel played a key role in the town's development.

One of the submissions will then be used to name the community room, destination and marketing officer Emily Stonehouse said.

"Before moving forwards, I do think it's important to look backwards and see where we came from," Stonehouse said. "It's an opportunity for us to hear about the past. Sometimes a community's morale needs to be boosted a little bit during the winter months."

Although only one story will be chosen for the name, the submitted stories and photos will all be put up for display in the common room April 1, Stonehouse said.

"We'll give people the opportunity to walk through, and they'll be able to see all these old photos and stories," she said. "I want people to just go through and react with, 'oh, I recognize this house on this street' or 'I know these people, that was my grandfather in that picture.' I want them to have this connection back to their roots by seeing those things."

Stonehouse would not disclose details on the judging panel but said its size would vary based on the number of submissions.

"They'll be going through, and we'll decide on the one that we think is the best fit, the one that we think captures the true essence of Minden," she said. "The one we think a lot of people will relate to it in some capacity."

The winning story will be featured on a plaque outside the community room, which houses a variety of different programs, speakers and meetings.

Submission forms can be downloaded on the Minden Hills website or picked up at the cultural centre or township administration office. Entries can be emailed to estonehouse@mindenhill.ca or mailed to P.O. Box 648, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, ON, K0M 2K0. The deadline is March 8.

"I just encourage people to submit their stories," Stonehouse said. "It's a good opportunity to get your story out there. I think it's important to understand where we're from and to share that."



Minden Hills destination and marketing officer Emily Stonehouse stands inside the Cultural Centre's community room Jan. 12. A new contest celebrating the township's history is underway to name the room. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Stonehouse dreams about a mindful Minden

By Lisa Gervais

With a unique tourism campaign dubbed "Mind on Minden" and plans for a Minden Marketplace information centre, artist co-op, and business incubator, Emily Stonehouse discussed some of her plans for 2019 at a council meeting last month.

Stonehouse is the township's recently-hired economic development, destination and marketing officer.

She told council her idea for Mind on Minden mirrors Newfoundland & Labrador's popular 2012 "Find Yourself" campaign.

"In this time of social media burnout, hashtags, geotags, and exploited natural resources, Mind on Minden is a tourism initiative designed to encourage visitors to disconnect to reconnect, and live in the moment," she said.

She said it's about a "less is more approach" that highlights experiential tourism, creating a sense of simplistic nostalgia, and offering tangible memories to

encourage return.

It will cater to what people in tourism call 'rustic roammers' and 'serenity seekers.' These are mainly aged 45 and older.

According to Stonehouse, it's an audience "who are looking to escape and will respect Minden's natural resources, and appreciate nostalgic branding."

She said local businesses can focus on creating destinations for visitors to disconnect, have phone-free meals, limited Wi-Fi and engage in mindfulness practices.

Stonehouse wants to hire local professional photographers and videographers to capture promotional images early in the new year, as well as design and order some Mind on Minden merchandise.

Another key plan is her idea for a Minden Marketplace information centre, artist co-op and business incubator for the downtown core.

She said it would provide an "opportunity for stakeholders and artists to promote and

display their products in a high traffic space for a low-cost buy-in."

She envisions additional space provided for business support, investor attraction, youth retention, and downtown revitalization, not unlike the incubator in downtown Haliburton.

Some of the other initiatives Stonehouse discussed were downtown revitalization, streetscape improvements, and main street shopping, experiential retail, tourism, utilizing natural resources (water and winter) investor attraction, brand marketing and promotion and business support and the possible creation of a Business Improvement Area.

Stonehouse said she would focus on the town's internet presence in 2019, suggesting it be broken into two categories, one for municipal and for destination tourism.

"Dividing messaging across multiple platforms will make Minden Hills' online presence user-friendly and accessible," she told council.

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Another \$27K in recycling costs

Council has voted to give Garbutt Enterprises a new six-month contract for transfer, processing and transportation services for its landfills and transfer stations. And, it comes with quite a price increase.

At a meeting last month, Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager at the time, said the last contract was awarded to Garbutt Disposal Aug. 27, 2015 "for four years' service with no cost increase."

However, he said in talks about a contract renewal, Garbutt had increased the price by about \$27,000-a-year, to \$138,440 from \$111,886.

He added Garbutt is basing its increase on low demands on the markets and processing and handling cost increases as well as fuel cost increases.

CAO Lorrie Blanchard stressed council chose a six-month contract only, with the option of a six-month extension. She said the money will have to be in the department's 2019 budget.

Short-term rentals discussed

Planner Ian Clendening presented a report

on next steps in developing a plan for short-term rentals in the township.

Following his tabling of a report, Mayor Brent Devolin summarized that 75 per cent of survey respondents said 'yes' to permitting short term rentals with the majority supporting some form of regulations and that Clendening has presented three options which could govern it.

Basically, the options put before council were to: allow short-term rental accommodation through the zoning bylaw; regulate them through a licensing system; and, to implement a transient accommodation tax.

A majority of council indicated they had an appetite for the first two options but would want more information on transient accommodation tax.

Devolin suggested the township could look to the Highlands East draft (the last draft indicated a \$300-a-year licencing fee for short-term rentals) and perhaps "cut and paste" for Minden Hills for the upcoming summer season. "It would be wonderful not to have four flavours of this," he said of each municipality designing its own approach to short-term rentals.

Sunnybrook bridge fix will cost \$300 to \$400K

Council is opting for a \$300,000 to

\$400,000 repair of the Sunnybrook bridge, the main bridge in downtown Minden.

They endorsed that option at a Dec. 13 council meeting.

Consultant Tulloch Engineering were recommending a \$700,000 to \$800,000 job but roads superintended Travis Wilson said that might be a bit rich for council's blood.

The more expensive version included improvements to sightlines and sidewalks but Wilson said that doubled the cost, "with the same expected useful life of 30 years.

"This would mean that minor rehabilitation would be required by 2048 regardless of the rehabilitation performed, being Option 3 or 4. Additionally, although complaints are received regarding both the Water Street and Invergordon Avenue intersections, there is no history of accidents at either intersection and there is a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h," Wilson said in a written report.

Minden markets want to expand

Organizers of the Minden Farmers' Market have asked council to consider giving them more space.

The Minden market opened in 2015 with 16 vendors. Approximately 6,505 people attended those 11 markets, generating \$76,648 in sales. The number of vendors grew to 20 this past year, with 18,090

people attending 21 markets, and takings of \$236,044.

However, president Jim Stanley said there is a need for more space for vendors. They'd like to expand to 30. They would also like to add picnic tables, and improve the flow of patrons with the adjoining artisans' market.

They want the township to make the vacant lot beside the existing market available, which would require the removal of large stones to unify the space.

Approval would allow for more vendors, provide more seating and table space for patrons, reduce crowding, make the market more welcoming, comfortable and attractive, and attract more people to town, Stanley said.

The association is sending out invites in early January so would like an answer as soon as possible.

Mayor Brent Devolin said council would approve the ask in principle, however a staff report on implications will come back to a future meeting.

Bobcaygeon Road and Scotch Line concerns

Christina Allore and Pius Kim came to council with concerns about traffic and road conditions at the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road and Scotch Line Road, and north along Bobcaygeon Road for

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approximately 1.5 km.

Allore said trucks speed along the road and use their jake brakes to make the turn at Scotch Line. She said it's loud, with heavy vibrations. Residents fear for their safety, she added.

"Some of the residents do not feel safe walking their dogs, riding their bikes, or going on family walks along this particular stretch related to the unsafe driving speeds."

Allore said the heavy truck traffic had also impacted the quality of the road.

The residents said their goals are to stop the use of jake brakes, have drivers follow the speed limit, and the township repair potholes.

They asked that council consider prohibiting the use of compression release engine brakes for 1.5 km north of the intersection; increase the number of speed limit signs and signs indicating the presence of children; call for increased police presence and resurfacing a section of Bobcaygeon Road.

Mayor Brent Devolin said there would be a staff report to a future council meeting.

\$42K to fix leachate leaks at Scotch Line

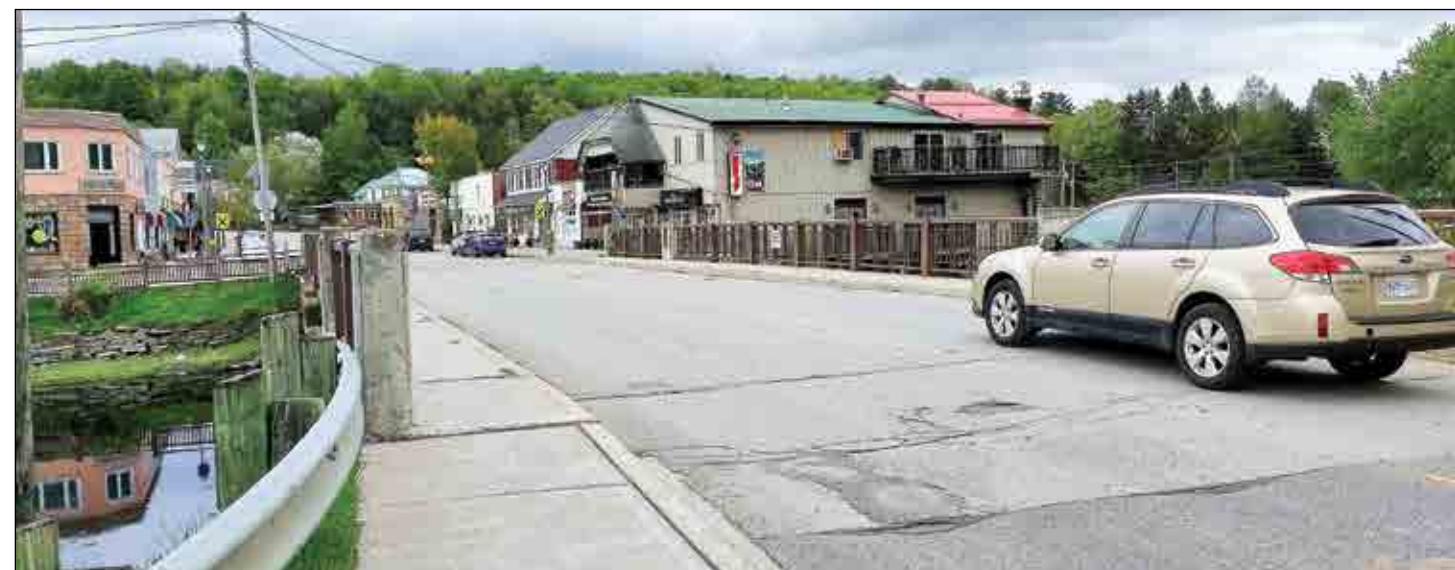
It'll cost the township \$42,000 to fix two leachate seeps at the Scotchline landfill.

They tendered the project and the lowest bidder was Francis Thomas Contracting Co. Ltd.

The money is already in the 2018 landfill budget.

One seep is at the southwest base and the other at the southeast base.

Repairs include building a berm at the southwest base, approximately six feet high and lining it with poly, "which will allow the leach time to be absorbed into the



A car travels over the Sunnybrook Bridge in downtown Minden. It will take \$300,000 to \$400,000 to repair the bridge. *File photo.*

ground and naturally attenuate through the ground," Ingram said in a report to council last month.

The southeast side requires removing a pile of trees on the slope as well as at the base.

The Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Parks demanded remediation action after an Oct. 12, 2016 inspection.

Ingram said the work would be completed by the end of 2018.

Seasonals wade into Murdoch Road debate

Seasonal residents came before council to object to a public access road to Gull Lake via Murdoch Road.

They came in response to a delegation to the Nov. 22 council meeting by residents Jeff Stamp and Jill Lauterbach.

Stamp and others were formally complaining about the township road allowance now being blocked after they and their families had used it for years to get ice fishing huts onto the lake. They have recently learned that part of the road is actually a private road and the property owner, as is his right, has blocked access.

Stamp said the township road allowance runs down the hill on Murdoch Road and straight onto the water but it hasn't been used in the past as there are too many trees. They asked the township to clear it so people can use that access instead.

But at a Dec. 13 council meeting, Cormac Trainor presented. He said he represented 100-plus years of history on the north shore of the lake, involving 22 families and five generations. He cited concerns about erosion, the environmental impact on shoreline and lake health, increased traffic and public safety, no space for parking, a requirement for road maintenance, no

garbage and washroom facilities, and that there are already existing access points, including Sandy Bay, Rackett, Deep Bay and Miners Bay. He said providing access would be at significant cost to the municipality.

The Gull Lake Cottage Owners Association also sent a letter to council objecting to any public access road.

Mayor Brent Devolin said a staff report would come back to council. He also noted that balancing seasonal residents' needs with the public's is always a challenge.

Coun. Pam Sayne urged better communication between both sets of people since generations of local families have been accessing the lake for ice fishing as well. Deputy-Mayor Lisa Schell noted the public was seeking access on what is public land.

(Minden Hills News compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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The Boardwalk & Logger's Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

Did You Know: To prevent deadly carbon monoxide gas, ensure vehicles are not left running inside garages or buildings.

Council Meetings

Meetings are held in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Jan 31 - 11:00 AM, Special Meeting of Council

Feb 14 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
Feb 28 - Regular Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhill.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of January, July, August and December

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Notice – Special Meeting of Council

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The purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to consider the following:

- Validation Report Presentation - McDonald Brothers Construction, Parkin Architects and Director of Community Services;
- CSD Report 19-05 CCDC 30 Agreement as amended by SGC's for Renewal of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre Project; and
- CSD Report 19-06 Expenditures to date for Validation Phase

Agenda items will be available on Monday, January 28, 2019 for public view by accessing <https://haliburton.civicweb.net/filepro/documents>.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre Project or Agreement please contact:

Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services mcoleman@mindenhill.ca or 705-286-1936 ext. 201.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2019.

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Highlander community



Romance and spaghetti for the food bank ... On November 10, Chef Roberto and Chef Frederico, also known as Bob Phillips and Fred Chapple, and a team of dedicated helpers from the Highland Hills United Church transformed the Christian Education Hall at Zion United Church into an Italian eatery for a wonderful candlelit evening filled with romance and, of course, spaghetti. Although attendance was lower than hoped due to the wintry weather conditions, a profit of \$538.77 was gratefully received by the Minden Food Bank soon after. Many thanks to all those involved for making this dinner a success. Pictured are Paul Rutledge, Norma Phillips, Bob Phillips, Don Veno and Marilynne Lesperance. *Photo submitted.*



100 Women Who Care help Special Olympics

100 Women Who Care Haliburton County (WWCHC) fundraised for the Red Wolves Special Olympics athletes and presented them with a \$6,200 donation Nov. 28. Left to right: Red Wolves volunteer Barbara Piercy, 100 WWCHC executive Tina Palmer, Red Wolves athlete Dawn Piercy, 100 WWCHC executive Joan Featherstone, Red Wolves volunteer Yvette Brauer and 100 WWCHC executive Sandra Slauenwhite-Box. *(Submitted by Jude Fisher)*



Minden racers back on the ice ... Ice racers hit the track Saturday, Jan. 20 as another season of ice racing began in Minden. Photo by Hannah Sadlier.



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STORM PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Novice (series tied at 1-1)

January 26 at 11:30 a.m. in Wasaga Beach - Game 3
January 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Haliburton for Game 4

Atom (series tied 1-1)

January 26 at 10:15 a.m. in Oshawa for Game 3
January 27 at 2 p.m. in Haliburton for Game 4

Peewee (one tie, one win)

January 26 at 11:45 a.m. in Oshawa for Game 3
January 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Haliburton for Game 4

Midget (1 win, 2 losses)

January 26 at 3:30 p.m. in Haliburton for Game 4
January 27 at 5:15 p.m. in Shelburne for Game 5
(if needed)



A novice rep Storm player faces off this past weekend. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Atoms split weekend games

The first round of the playoffs began this past weekend for the **Ridgewood Ford/Cottage Country Building Supplies** Atoms, versus the Durham Crusaders.

On Saturday, both teams exchanged strong rushes but it wasn't until Josh Scheffee walked in all alone on the right side that the ice was broken. His goal was assisted by Brady Burtch and Austin Latanville. Moments later, a Jace Mills' blast developed into a juicy rebound on Deegan Davison's tape and he banged it in.

Big puck battles saw the lead change a few times in the second period. Liam Harrison from Scheffee and a Latanville goal assisted by Owen Sisson added up to four Storm goals, to tie the game with minutes left.

An own zone clearing attempt had Parker Simms carry the puck up the ice only to get badly hooked to the ice with no call and the resulting turnover found the back of the Storm's net.

After a solid game one, the Storm were ready for game

two on home ice Sunday. Strong neutral zone play in the early going resulted in the opening goal by Evan Jones, assisted by Latanville. The Storm kept the Crusaders from making clean entries which led to more offensive zone pressure as the Storm forechecked hard. Storm forwards had their opponents on their heels and Latanville found the twine assisted by Jones and Scheffee, leading to a surprise goalie change in the first period.

The second period had Durham playing their top forwards, trying to get on the board, and that proved to be a challenge. The Storm went on to score two more goals to add to their lead. Harrison scored assisted by Sisson and Scheffee and Latanville added the fourth and final goal assisted by McLean Rowden to make a final score of 4-1 Storm. The atoms face the Crusaders back on their home ice Saturday. (*Submitted by Pasi Posti*)

Midgets stave off elimination

The **Highlander/Ed Smolen Family Dentistry** Midgets

met the Shelburne Wolves for game two of the playoffs, Saturday, Jan. 19, in Haliburton. Down one game, the Storm were hoping to take advantage, and even the score, with a home ice win.

They did their best but came up short and were down by a goal after the first period.

Early in the second period, the Wolves capitalized on a power play. The Storm got a break when Smith drew the defense and goalie, leaving MacNaull to capture the opening for the goal.

It was a 2-1 game at the start of the third period with both teams pushing hard. Halfway through, the Wolves widened the gap with another goal, making it 3-1. Minutes later, Haedicke dangled in, took a shot and picked up his own rebound for the goal. The clock ticked down with the Storm doing their best to tie things. With just seconds left, the Wolves finished things off with an open net goal for a 4-2 final score.

The next day, the Storm set off to Shelburne for a do-or-die game three. It was an incredibly intense game from

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Easton Burk



Easton is developing into a very solid and responsible defenseman. His ability to hold the offensive line and force the opposing team to the outside has made Easton a very dependable player on this year's novice team. Keep up the great work Easton!

Ethan DeCarlo



Ethan has a very comprehensive understanding of the defense position. He understands angling very well, forcing the opposition to the outside and keeping them there. Holding the blue line in the offensive end is another one of Ethan's strengths. Congratulations Ethan!

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the start. It was end-to-end action for both the first and second scoreless periods.

The Storm kept the pressure on in the third and it paid off. It was Gilbert's sharp shot that found the top corner for the goal. Shortly after, the Wolves got a questionable goal that tied it. The Storm kept pressing, however, it was the Wolves that got lucky with the go-ahead goal. It was time for the Storm to step up and they did. Gilbert's determination and drive created the opportunity as he pushed hard fighting through the defense, got a partial shot that Clements took to seal the goal and tie the game.

In overtime, the Storm got the boost they needed. Minutes into it, MacNaull brought it from behind the net, fed Smith and he tipped it in for a well-deserved 3-2 overtime win. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)

Novices win game two in OT

The first play-off game didn't go as expected for the Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novices.

On Saturday, the team travelled to Wasaga Beach for their first game against the Stars. The first period was continuous, fast-paced action with few shots taken by either team.

In the second, the Stars outshot the Storm, resulting in three Wasaga goals.

Finally, Jack Tomlinson saw an opportunity and carried the puck the length of the ice to score the Storm's first and only goal of the game.

The Stars put in another in the third taking a 4-1 win.

On Sunday, the team redeemed themselves on home ice during game two. The Stars put in four goals before Evan Perrott took a pass from Easton Burk during a Stars' power-play, and carried the puck from centre ice right into the net. Three minutes later, Luke Gruppe took the puck from Perrott, skated behind the net, and passed

to Max Rupnow, who shot it in. Goalie, Carter Braun made several incredible saves. The defensive team, Jaxen Casey, Ethan DeCarlo, Tomlinson, and Burk, stopped the Stars with aggressive back-checking.

In the third, Matthew Scheffee passed from the boards to Henry Neilson in front of the net, who put in the third goal for the Storm. Isaac Trotter took the puck the length of the ice for a shot on net, and Neilson picked up the rebound and placed it top right to tie the game.

After three periods, it was a 4-4 tie which sent the teams into a fourth period, sudden death, overtime. After five nail-biting minutes, Rupnow passed the puck to Perrott, who passed to Gruppe, who fired it in top left for a 5-4 victory for the Storm.

The team will face the Stars for two more games next weekend. (Submitted by Sarah Gruppe)

Peewees win one, tie one

On Jan. 19, The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee A's travelled to Oshawa to play game one of the MPS playoffs against the Durham Crusaders.

The team played hard but the game ended in a 3-3 tie. Goals scored by Addison St. Cyr and Cheyenne Degeer.

On Jan. 20, the Storm hosted the Crusaders for game two.

The first period started with a beautiful goal by St. Cyr. Then, just before the period ended, Mak Prentice took a shot from the blue line and St. Cyr tipped it in the net. It was 2-0 going into the second.

The second period was all Crusaders. They scored two goals and the game was tied.

The third period started with an early goal by St. Cyr. Then, it was just keeping the upper hand. It was a nail-biter but the Storm held on and took the first win of the playoff series, 3-2.

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The peewees play game three in Oshawa on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 11:45 a.m. and will host the Crusaders on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Haliburton for game four. (Submitted by Amber Card)

Ecclestone scores six for tykes

On Saturday, Jan. 19, the Tom Prentice and Sons/Walker's Heating and Cooling Tykes played the South Muskoka Bears. The first period saw the Bears score six goals and the Storm's Nixon Ecclestone got a hat trick.

During the second period, the Bears scored another six goals. The Storm didn't back down and scored a couple of their own by Rowan Johnson and Kelson Bagshaw. The boys weren't down yet and opted to play a third period where the Bears scored seven more and Ecclestone scored his fourth of the game, Brady Burk scored one and Ecclestone scored two more. The tykes practice this weekend gearing up for their Jamboree in Peterborough the first weekend in February. (Submitted by Marita Bagshaw)



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Nathan Harrison



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Mikayla Sisson



All season, Mikayla has been one of our hardest workers, striving to become a better player. She is always pushing hard and never backs down. Always in position. Her hard work every shift makes Mikayla a big asset to our team.

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Atom 2 tie game in last seconds

The Highland Storm Atom 2 TD Canada Trust hosted the Almaguin Ice Devils on Saturday.

Almaguin found the back of the net twice to open the scoring. But, with two minutes left in the first period, Logan Reid showed persistence, finding the back of the net.

During the second period, Brian Robichaud displayed his awesome goaltending skills, keeping the puck out of the net.

In a tennis-like match, Reid battled the puck out and scored his second of the game. With the Storm goalie switched, Zach Lowe faced multiple shots but was able to scramble and keep the Ice Devils off the board. However, Almaguin's persistent forwards were able to sneak a nice shot in to tie the game with 20 seconds left.

During the third period, the Ice Devils scored early to take the lead. But, the Storm refused to give up and their persistent puck-handling proved who they were. Owen Megrah-Poppe passed from the blue line to Ethan Rowe, who scored his first goal of the season.

With the Ice Devils still up by one, Kemaugh Casey-Russell was able to score a beauty to tie the game with 0.1 second left. Player of the game was Rowe. (*Submitted by Chris McMartin*)

Peewee weekend results

On Saturday, Jan. 19, the Walkers Home Hardware Peewees had another close game with the Canadian Tire Peewees.

The first period was action-packed but neither team could come up with any points.

Daniel Stephen went end-to-end, scoring the first and only goal of the second period putting Walkers in the lead.

The Canadian Tire team came out strong in the third, scoring two back-to-back goals. Walker's tied it up at the 12-minute mark with a goal by Alex Hendry assisted by Weston Bowker. The Canadian Tire team wasn't about to let up, scoring another two goals. Wyatt Raposo scored the final goal unassisted making the final score 4-3 for the Canadian Tire team.

Walkers Home Hardware had another game on Sunday against Huntsville. Huntsville dominated the first, scoring two unanswered goals. Huntsville started the scoring in the second, but the Storm's Cayden Russell scored with a slapshot from the blue line, assisted by Nathan Harrison. Huntsville answered with two more goals.

Huntsville again found the back of net starting the third. The Storm kept up the pressure with Bowker scoring a beauty assisted by Emery Bagshaw and Hendry. Huntsville flooded the Storm net with three more goals making the final score 9-2.

Walkers' peewee team travels to Gravenhurst Saturday to play Parry Sound at 12:30 p.m. (*Submitted by Marita Bagshaw*)

Novice 1 and 2 face off

On Saturday, the Dewayen Simms Novice 2 team and the BrightWoods Landscaping and Consulting Novice 1 team faced off.

It was a back-and-forth, action-packed game. BrightWoods was first on the scoreboard as Cruz Neave landed the puck in the net, assisted by Gideon Borgdoff. Twelve seconds later, Dewayen answered back with an unassisted goal by Mason Latanville. Dewayen took the lead in the first as McCartney Saunders and Latanville both landed unassisted goals.

The second period started off with a BrightWoods' goal from Brody Hartwig, assist going to Hunter Hamilton. Again, Dewayen was quick to answer back

with an unassisted goal by Saunders, goalie, Landyn Simms.

Neave tied the game four minutes into the third, unassisted. Dewayen took the lead again as Brycen Harrison found the net, with an assist going to Travis Rowe. Ten seconds later, BrightWoods tied the game with an unassisted goal from Hartwig. Saunders then snuck his third of the game past BrightWoods' goalie Carter Knapton. Ten seconds later, Saunders scored another, assisted by Harrison. After a great battle, Dewayen took the win 7-5. (*Submitted by Stephanie Harrison*)

Midgets beat Parry Sound

The Pharmasave Midgets played the Parry Sound Shamrocks last weekend in Minden. The Shamrocks took the lead four minutes into the game but the Storm's Brenden Newhook continued his hot streak, tying the game seconds later on a hard wrist shot. Parry Sound regained the lead with only seconds to go in the opening period.

Jake Sisson jumped on a rebound from Sam Hoenow to tie the game on a very impressive powerplay and Paul Turner scored on the next shift to put the locals ahead for the first time in the game. Lexi Tait almost made it 4-2 when she was set up all alone in front of the net by Newhook. Turner got his second of the night crossing the blueline, faking the defender with a stutter step and scoring on a rocket snapshot. The Shamrocks closed the gap to one on a powerplay goal near the end of the second period but the Storm continued to press and almost regained their two-goal cushion when Jayme Coltman was robbed on a beautiful save by the Parry Sound goalie. There was no scoring in the third and the Storm hung on for a 4-3 win beating two of the Parry Sound teams on consecutive weekends. (*Submitted by Gord Hoenow*)

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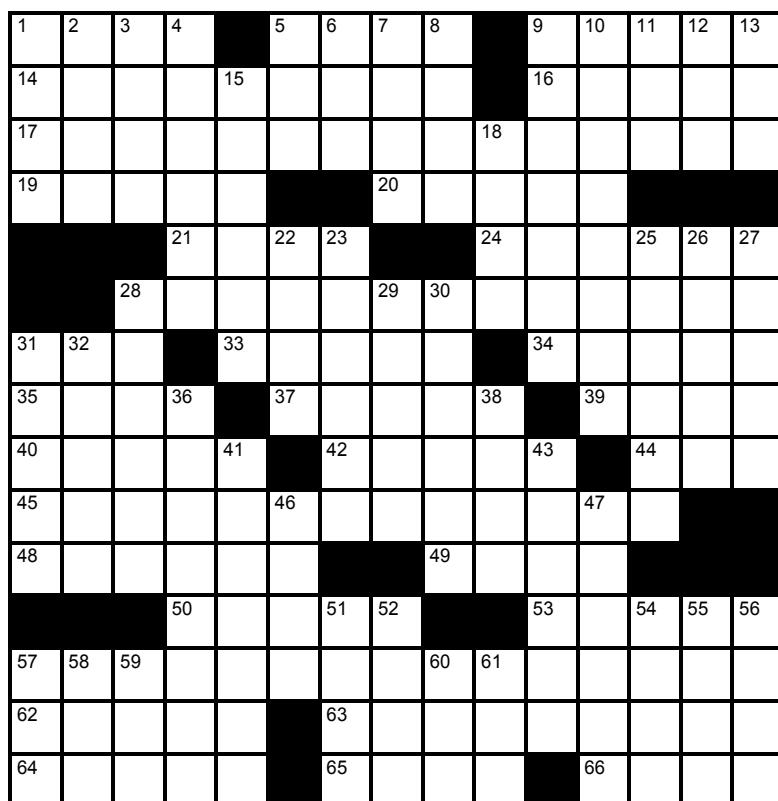


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 - 5 ___ all time low
 - 9 Letter-shaped steel girder
 - 14 Carnival announcer's aid
 - 16 Greek muse of poetry
 - 17 "Don't worry at all, I'll handle it"
 - 19 Bunch of bees
 - 20 "Now you ___, now you don't"
 - 21 Londoner's lexicons: Abbr.
 - 24 Noah's landing site
 - 28 Roy Orbison hit of 1960
 - 31 Birdie's path
 - 33 Baseball's "Hammerin' Hank"
 - 34 Rx, for short
 - 35 Spirited fellows?
 - 37 Bully's targets
 - 39 Place for drips
 - 40 " ___ Ship A-Sailing" (nursery rhyme)
 - 42 "Take ___" (offer to sit)
 - 44 "The Simpsons" character in a green sweater
 - 45 Enjoy the luxuries of wealth
 - 48 Prepares to be knighted
 - 49 Opti-Free alternative
 - 50 Word with "donna" or "ballerina"
 - 53 Bic, in Baie-Comeau
 - 57 Very rarely
 - 62 Certain finger crossers
 - 63 Like medium settings?
 - 64 Take down a peg
 - 65 Turkey seasoning
 - 66 " ___ further!" ("Stop!")

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- 2 Cat call
- 3 Water, to Juan
- 4 Polyester fabric
- 5 Philip who played Master Kan in "Kung Fu"
- 6 First section of a user's manual: Abbr.



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- 8 Modern, to Merkel
- 9 Straight people, casually
- 10 Dudes' tight friendship
- 11 Suffix with Caesar
- 12 Corner store convenience
- 13 Stooge with a bowl cut
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- 18 Patricia of "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
- 22 Actress Cannon
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- 25 Summoned the maid again
- 26 Option on a wanted poster
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- 28 From C to C, say
- 29 Animal on CBC's "Heartland"
- 30 Gain favour from
- 31 "You can't make ___ purse out of..."
- 32 Fiddler's bow application
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- 38 Kyoto cupful
- 41 Order in the court?
- 43 December decor
- 46 "The devil ___ the details"
- 47 Nog topper
- 51 Brit's slickers
- 52 Common rhyme scheme
- 54 Modern "seize the day" acronym formed by the first words in 17-, 28-, 45, and 57-Across
- 55 Area from which Canadian bacon is cut
- 56 Clued in about
- 57 Schnozz end
- 58 Point of a pen
- 59 Car club that'll give you a boost: Abbr.
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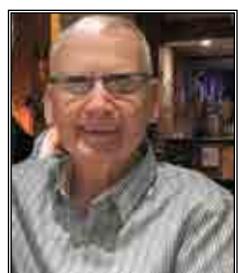
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Ken Tink
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Peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday evening, January 8, 2019 in his 84th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Margaret Tink (nee MacGregor) for over sixty years. Loving father of Marilyn (Dave Duhaime), Joan (Dennis Sobil) and Glenn (Laura). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Mike (Laura), Erin (Simon), Jeff (Chris), Mitch (Katie), Kirstyn (Alex), Kaleigh (Justin) and by his great grandchildren Riley, Corbin, Jack and Josie. Dear brother of Muriel Shackleton. Predeceased by his brother Walter and his sister Loraine. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews and grand puppies. Ken was a retired General Motors office employee. He enjoyed skiing, waterskiing, restaurants, his trips to Florida, visiting with friends and most of all his family, especially the furry ones.

Visitation, Celebration of Life & Reception

Friends were called to LAKESIDE CHURCH 9 Park Street, Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday afternoon, January 16, 2019 for a Celebration of Ken's life at 3 o'clock. (Visitation prior from 1 - 3 p.m.). Reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Interment later Ebenezer Cemetery, Courtice. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. www.communityfuneralhomes.com



Aileen Peters (nee Austin)
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Highland Wood in Haliburton on Thursday evening, January 17, 2019 in her 91st year. Beloved wife of Carmen Peters for over seventy years. Loving mother of Marie (Ron Boyda), Randy and Catherine (Lou O'Hara). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Amanda (Jamie Crosier), Amber Wilkins, Jasmine (Matthew Rogers), and Andrew (Shannon MacInnis) and great-grandchildren Porter, Harlyn and Julie. Dear sister of Bob (Nellie), Joyce (Keith - predeceased) and brother Doug (Shirley). Predeceased by her parents Orville and Leah Austin and in-laws Ray and Dorothy Peters. Also fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, Maria Fifield, other family members and her many friends. Aileen was very compassionate. She lived in the moment appreciating all the little things in life and exuded love and warmth with her infectious smile to all those around her.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday January 21, 2019 from 3 - 6 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday morning, January 22, at 11 o'clock. Reception followed in The Community Room. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. www.communityfuneralhomes.com



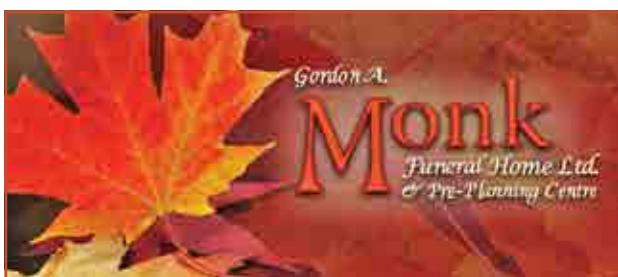
Joan Bertin
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Peacefully at home with her husband and children by her side on Monday morning, January 14, 2019 in her 76th year. Beloved wife and best friend of Joe Bertin for over fifty six years. Loving mother of Brad (Linda), Brent (Christine), Jodi (Shannon) and Jayleen (Steve). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jennifer, Taylor, Michael, Tyler, Courtney, Jacob and Raven. Predeceased by her grandchildren Noah and Kirsten. Dear sister of Sonya. Also lovingly remembered by nephews Paul, John and niece Colleen. Joe and Joan were members of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden. She enjoyed people, volunteering, and most of all being with her family.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 19 Invergordon Avenue Minden, Ontario on Friday afternoon, February 8, 2018 for a Celebration of Joan's Life at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Children's Wish Foundation, Operation Smile or War Amps would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. www.communityfuneralhomes.com

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Friends and family are invited to the Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. to Celebrate Edward's life. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by his family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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By-law Administrative Assistant (Part-Time) Administration/By-law Department

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer, the successful applicant will primarily work with the By-law Enforcement Officer. This position is responsible for administrative assistance with review, creation, investigation, and enforcement of the provisions of all By-laws of the Municipality as well as other applicable law.

Preference will be given to candidates who have:

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Policing, paralegal or law clerk background would be a benefit
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- Good understanding of Municipal By-laws, The Provincial Offences Act and other related legislation
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- Proficient computer and record management skills
- Strong oral and written communications

EXPERIENCE:

- Minimum two(2) years' experience working in Municipal Law Enforcement or related experience
- Post-Secondary legal or enforcement education

RESPONSIBILITIES (Include but not limited to):

- Assists with the administration and enforcement of the provisions of all the Municipality's By-laws.
- Assists with research of by-laws, zoning issues and other information as required
- Assists with creation of new Municipal By-laws including short-form wording
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- Assists with compilation of statistical information in relation to by-laws
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- May perform other duties as assigned.

Applications clearly marked "Application – Part-Time By-law Administrative Assistant" may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m., February 4, 2019 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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Haliburton curlers are number one

Haliburton's Team Aldom accepts the first place award after winning a bonspiel in Lindsay Jan. 12. Left to right: Bonspiel sponsor John F. O'Reilly, skip Levi Aldom, lead Cary Chumbley, vice Abi Lewis, second Henrik Haase. (Submitted by Brianna Elder)



Minden Youth League hosts bonspiel

On Sunday, Dec. 9, the Minden Youth League hosted a bonspiel. There were four teams from Minden and two teams from Haliburton. The league coaches that hosted the event were: Dave McKay, Jane Boyd, Stu Humphries, Cole Boisvert, a high school volunteer, along with Cathy Chumbley and Hugh Nichol from the Haliburton Club. Organizers thanked volunteers, Gwen Turner and Mickey Bonham for welcoming the youth and for the treats Gwen made. They also thanked Marie Lenard and Barb Millington for serving a pizza lunch, Val du Manoir and Gail Simon for serving ice cream sundaes and Gwen's cupcakes. Also, Dave Millington for assisting with the skills test and Barry Simon for helping with the overall tally of the results. (Submitted by Lynda Litwin)

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Haliburton Skyline Bonspiel rocks into its 60th year

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's Skyline Bonspiel once again attracted teams from across the province to compete for its 60th year of existence.

Twenty-four teams descended on the Haliburton Curling Club to take part in the annual event, vying for trophies and \$2,000 in prize money Jan. 18-20.

Former Skyline Bonspiel chairperson Wayne Hussey said it is the opportunity for camaraderie that keeps teams coming back.

"It's a chance every year to see the buddies you met the last year before," Hussey said. "One of the big advantages is these people come up, they love Haliburton, they all of a sudden want to move here."

Jim Parrott has participated in the tournament for 15 years as part of a team from the Oshawa area.

"It's a good, busy weekend, that's why we come every year," he said. "It's great camaraderie and we have a good time. We spend time at our cottage playing guitar, singing and just general good, old boys' things."

However, although the event features parties, the curling field is plenty competitive, long-time Haliburton club curler David Bishop said.

"Anybody who's competitive in their own town and league can come up here and know they can be competitive," Bishop said. "It's not easy to win."

The years have seen the event change. What was once a 32-team tournament – as it was during its 50th anniversary – has shrunk to 24 teams in recent years.

"Times change," Hussey said. "I think of the older days, you stayed up till one or two in the morning. Now, if you're not in bed by 10 or 11, there's something wrong."

Haliburton Curling Club president Dave Moss said the demographics of curling have shifted and running the event with more teams became difficult logically.

"The curling demographic is an aging demographic," Moss said, noting the club's average age is 67. "People don't want to curl at night, they don't want to curl at midnight and society's changed to the point."

A Haliburton Curling Club team emerged victorious. Owen Duhaime, Dustyn Debruin-McReady, Tyler Warham and Russ Duhaime earned bragging rights.

Moss said the Skyline Bonspiel has garnered a strong word-of-mouth reputation and its many returning teams are dedicated to it.

"Hopefully, it gets easier and easier for us," Moss said. "We believe if the curlers get good value for their money then they're happy and they're going to come back and that's our philosophy."

"It's got a long, long life to go yet," he added.



Rick Ashall and Dave Moss of the Haliburton Curling Club sweep a stone during a curling match at the 60th annual Skyline Bonspiel Jan. 19. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Friday January 25

9 a.m. – noon – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Join us for walking club, colouring, coffee & conversation, mindfulness, falls prevention program, and other activities. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

Saturday January 26

6:30 p.m. – Robbie Burns Night, brought to you by Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums. Come celebrate a wee taste of the Highlands! Pipes & Drums, dancing, Scottish music, a taste of haggis and fixings, scotch tasting. At the Haliburton Legion, \$20/person. Advance tickets available at Canoe FM, call 705-457-1009. Only 100 tickets available, get yours now!

Sunday January 27

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Noon – 2 p.m. – Public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Monday January 28

1 – 4 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. At Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. Join us for colouring, board games, coffee & conversation, falls prevention program, and other activities. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for

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Tuesday January 29

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Wednesday January 30

11 – a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2 per person.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Thursday January 31

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2 per person.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Saturday February 2

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Tuesday February 5

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Wednesday February 6

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2 per person.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Thursday February 7

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2 per person.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Friday February 8

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Sunday February 10

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Royal Canadian Legion branch 129, Haliburton, Ladies Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast. Eggs or pancakes, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast, orange juice, tea/coffee, \$6 per person.

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2 per person.

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Monday February 11

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Tuesday February 12

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Wednesday February 13

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11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2 per person.

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What's on

Pondimonium puts spotlight on costumed skaters

By Joseph Quigley

The next edition of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships is putting a new spotlight on costumed and non-competitive skaters starting Jan. 25.

The Haliburton-based event is introducing new "pondimonium" divisions aimed at participants interested in a non-competitive experience, according to a Jan. 14 press release. A total of 114 teams are expected to descend on the Pinestone Resort to participate in the championships across multiple outdoor rinks over two weekends.

Event owner and resort general manager John Teljeur said the competitive divisions will carry on. But the new divisions – with an added emphasis on the costumes people have been bringing for years – has gathered a lot of interest, he said.

"We wanted people to have a lot of fun with this, too, and it makes for quite a spectacle," Teljeur said. "It's like Stanley Cup meets Halloween."

The event – taking place Jan. 25-26 and Feb. 1-2 – will feature teams from as far away as Quebec, New York and Pennsylvania, Teljeur said, with only six local teams.

Attracting people to the area was his reason for purchasing the event, he said. The event was initially held in Huntsville but moved to Haliburton in 2013.

"It was something to bring people to this area," Teljeur said. "Hopefully, they come back a different time of year with their friends and family in the summertime."

In addition to the shinny, there'll be live bands with a limited number of tickets open to the general public for the first time. A silent auction will also take place to raise money for Heat Bank Haliburton County.

"We've always wanted to do something for the community," Teljeur said.

Now in its fifth year here, Teljeur said the event has achieved stability.

"We believe it's the best place to have the event. I think people are pretty familiar with pond hockey and the event itself," Teljeur said. "It's a huge undertaking ... so I'm thrilled we have some really amazing volunteers who help us out and make this happen."



The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships returns to the Pinestone resort this weekend and next weekend. The event is adding non-competitive "pondimonium" editions with a focus on costumes for 2019. File photo



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